

REMARKS

Claims 1-6, 8, 9, 11-13, 20-45 and 47-50 have been cancelled, without prejudice or disclaimed. New claims 51-68 have been added. No new matter has been introduced. Support for the amended claims and the new claims is found throughout the specification, claims, and drawings as originally filed. Eighteen (18) claims are pending and remain for consideration. Favorable consideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

Acknowledgement of Interview

Applicants acknowledge the personal interview between Applicants' attorneys, Thedford I. Hitaffer and Richard MacMillan, and Examiner X. L. Bautista on July 18, 2006. Applicants discussed possible amendments to the claims that would clarify the environment of the invention and would overcome the prior art of record.

IN THE ABSTRACT

The Examiner was objected to the abstract. A substitute "ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE" is attached.

IN THE CLAIMS

35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1-6, 8, 9, 11-13, 20-45 and 47-50 are rejection under 35 U.S.C. §103 in view of multiple references, as set forth throughout the Office Action dated May 23, 2006. These claims have been cancelled, without disclaimer or prejudice.

New Claims

New claims 51-68 have been added. The claims clarify the environment of the invention and define over the prior art of record. Favorable consideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

In view of the amendments and above remarks, it is believed that the application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

Telephone Interview

As a final matter, if the Examiner has any suggestions concerning different claim phraseology that, in the opinion of the Examiner, more accurately defines the present invention, prior to issuance of another Office Action, Applicants' attorney requests the courtesy of a telephone interview at the Examiner's earliest convenience to discuss the application. Applicants' attorney may be contacted at (419) 255-5900.